

BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
MINUTES of the MEETINGS
November 8, 2017

This meeting of the Bloomingdale Township Mental Health Board was called to order by Chairperson, Dominick Lanzito, at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Diana Eckert, Michael McGinn, Edward Levato, Kirk Etapa, Kim Cline, Dominick Lanzito are present.

Cindy Franceschini: absent.

Diana Eckert made a motion to advance the community service provider presentation to occur after public comment. Seconded by Dominick Lanzito. All present vote: Aye. Motion passes.

Also present, Michael Murray, Mario Parducci, Michael Hovde, Sue Zurek, Steve Zurek, Verona Valentine, Kathleen McNamara, Peggy Ott, Chief Ed Sailer.

Public Comment:

The board then opened the floor for public comment.

1. Michael Murray, 154 S. Prospect, Roselle, IL. Mr. Murray wished to address the board regarding the budget (statement submitted).
2. Chief Ed Sailor of Carol Stream and Kathleen McNamera (Social Worker in the social service division) addressed the board stating that the number of calls they are receiving due to mental illness are skyrocketing. Carol Stream is one of the few divisions with a social services division. The calls are typically due to psychiatric emergency, dysregulation, or emotional crisis. There is an impact at local level due to federal and state funding cut. This division provides the follow up services to most vulnerable residents. They attended the meeting tonight to advocate for macro solutions (case managers, visiting nurses, etc.).

Community Service Provider Presentation: Mark Buschbacher from Serenity House. This agency has been in Addison for 32 years. Primary service is to assist residents with drug and alcohol abuse. There are 32 men and 12 women in halfway houses (separated). They are the largest in DuPage County for what they do. There is a 90 day program on campus. Serenity House teams with local employers and help those in recovery obtain a job. At Serenity House residents receive job skill consultation, meals and skills in getting back to basic needs in 90 days. After 90 days, the next phase is a recovery home. The resident can stay up to 2 years. Serenity House has an adolescent and youth outreach program that are day programs.

The current budget is \$2,000,000.00. $\frac{1}{3}$ is federal/state funding and $\frac{1}{3}$ is from fee structure (as employed, they are charged \$170/week), $\frac{1}{3}$ from grants and fundraising. Current wait list is up to 8 weeks for men,

but this varies if individual. 3-5 weeks on the women's side. An individual has to be 14 days clean before they come in. Referrals can come from hospitals. There was a question regarding the use of Township funds. Serenity House can flag people by zip code or address in terms of benefitting from township funds. However, they will not be given priority.

Approval of Minutes: October 11, 2017

A motion was made by Edward Levato to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2017 township meeting. Seconded by Michael McGinn. No questions or comments.

Aye: Diana Eckert, Michael McGinn, Edward Levato, Kirk Etapa, and Kim Cline.

Absent: Cindy Franceschini

Abstain: Dominick Lanzito

Motion passes.

2018 Meeting Dates

The board engaged in conversation regarding setting the dates for 2018 meetings. Mr. McGinn stated that the board should meet every other month. Ms. Eckert stated that the board should meet every month. Mr. Levato stated that until we get money we are meeting just to meet. Once we get a budget approved and the fiscal year starts the we can take action. June 15, 2018 would be the first check that we get. Mr. Levato stated that we need to create a grant committee to formulate the process.

Michael McGinn made a motion to set the dates for every other month, second Wednesday of the month, with the exception of 2/7. Edward Levato seconded.

Ayes: Michael McGinn, Edward Levato, Kirk Etapa, Kim Cline, Dominick Lanzito

Nay: Diana Eckert Absent: Cindy Franceschini Motion passes.

2018 Meeting dates set for: February 7; April 11; June 13; August 8; October 10; December 12

Correspondence (if any to share)

Correspondences received from Kathryn Schueman & Michael Murray. Chairperson Lanzito asked if all are in favor of placing on file. Those presented stated: Aye.

Suicide Prevention Conference report (Diana Eckert)

Ms. Eckert provided a written report on her attendance at Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of IL (ACHMAI) fall conference. She read highlights from her report placed on file. The next ACHMAI conference is December 7-8 in Chicago.

Discussion on Grant Procedure Committee:

Once we begin we need to have a system in place or possibly have proposals generated prior to receiving the money. Doesn't want to lean on same group as needs assessment. How it should be formulated? Ed- already organizations that have grant committees and we should lean on what they have done and how to be done. Then formulate our own needs based on township. Discovery committee at first. Diana- we can get examples and compare them. Ed- knows what needs to be done but does have many vacations planned, so he would not be a good candidate. Doesn't have to be board members. But it should be run by a board member. Dom - 3 person panel hybrid worked well for needs assessment. 2 board members and 1 non-board members.

Edward Levato made a motion to form the grant procedure committee comprised of 2 board members and 1 non board member. Kirk Etapa seconded.

Ayes: Diana Eckert, Michael McGinn, Edward Levato, Kirk Etapa, Kim Cline, Dominick Lanzito

Absent: Cindy Franceschini Motion passes.

There was a discussion around how to handle the appointment. Chairperson Lanzito stated he would take volunteers. Diana Eckert and Michael McGinn have volunteered. The next step is to secure an individual from outside the board. Michael Murray stated he would volunteer to be on the committee. Chairperson Lanzito stated that 3 these in have been appointed to the committee.

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1. Kevin Olkol, 28 Villa Avenue, Villa Park, IL. Deb Conroy is having informal meetings about breaking the stigma around mental health. He brought flyers to distribute.
2. Mike Murray, 154 S. Prospect, Roselle, IL. Mr. Murray addressed the board regarding our red binders and access to what other mental health boards use for contracts.

Adjournment: There being no other business, Mr. Lanzito moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McGinn seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all in attendance. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Cline

Mental Health Board Secretary